

to the world at large. His business is that of a shipper at Havre, and he is a self-made man. He is 61 years old, and his political experience has been important, but not prominent. He is a man of great personal popularity, and to the more than to anything he has ever said. He has been a member of the Chamber since 1883. He was Under Secretary in the Gambetta, Ferry, Briand, and Tirard Cabinets. His popularity in the Chamber induced his friends to urge him to resign the Ministry of Marine last week in order to enter the Presidency of the Chamber. He has refused to do so, and his chances of success were small, and if he had been defeated he would have been unavailable in to-day's crisis. His natural abilities are great, if not phenomenal, and his supporters are confident, in view of the decisive policy which the result of the election has made practicable, that he will stand upon to make a firm and safe administration.